GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF SUGARCANE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether inspite of suitable soil and climate available for cultivation of sugarcane in Bihar the average production of sugarcane is less due to the shortage of high yielding and high recovery varieties of sugarcane;

(b) if so, the average yield of sugarcane in Bihar in comparison to other sugarcane production States alongwith details in this regard during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of Bihar for setting up of Sugarcane Research Centre;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken so far in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Although the average sugarcane production in Bihar is low as compared to a number of states, but the same is not due to shortage of high yielding and high recovery varieties.

(b) Average sugarcane yield in Bihar during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 has been 45.1, 45.9 and 48.5 tonnes/ha respectively as against all India average yields of 66.5, 71.1, 72.6 tonnes/ha. The state-wise details are given in Annexure-I.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e): Question does not arise.

Annexure I

Average Yield of Sugarcane in Bihar and other States in India

States	Yield(t/ha)		
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Assam	41.5	41.1	40.0
Andhra Pradesh	75.4	72.6	78.0
BIhar	45.1	45.9	48.5
Gujarat	68.8	71.7	59.1
Haryana	55.7	53.2	55.0
Karnataka	82.9	91.5	91.2
Kerala	92.9	92.9	72.6
Madhya Pradesh	39.1	38.6	39.3
Maharashtra	81.0	83.0	89.0
Orissa	56.7	61.2	65.9
Punjab	63.8	56.7	59.5
Rajasthan	48.3	49.9	47.7
T.N. & Pondy	99.8	106.7	134.2
Uttar Pradesh	59.4	65.1	59.0
Others	34.0	34.6	36.8
All India	66.5	71.1	72.6